

Amendments To The Claims

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1 to 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A process comprising manufacturing a multi-layer packaging film ~~(10)~~ for a packaging ~~(20)~~ having at least one line of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ that are provided in a pre-cut plastic surface layer as a surface layer of the multi-layer packaging film of the packaging ~~(20)~~, and serve as an aid for alignment of a tear line propagating in the multi-layer packaging film ~~(10)~~ upon tearing open the packaging, including cutting the perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ into a surface layer which is in the form of a film (14) that is to be the pre-cut plastic layer, and joining ~~the~~ said pre-cut ~~film~~ plastic layer (14) to ~~the~~ at least one other layer layers (12) to provide the multi-layer packaging make-up a composite film ~~(10)~~, and providing a notch ~~(24)~~ for initiating tearing in the region of the perforations ~~(18, 18')~~, said packaging ~~(20)~~ being easy to open by means of said tear line.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 12, wherein the pre-cut plastic layer film (14) is joined to the at least one other layer layers (12) by means of an adhesive layer ~~(16)~~ to make up the multi-layer a composite film ~~(10)~~.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 13, wherein the perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ are cut before coating the film ~~(14)~~ with adhesive ~~(16)~~.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 13, wherein the perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ are cut after coating the film ~~(14)~~ with adhesive ~~(16)~~.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 14, wherein two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film ~~(10)~~ on tearing open the packaging ~~(20)~~, and the notch ~~(24)~~ is situated between the two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~.

Claim 17 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 16, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 15, wherein two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film ~~(10)~~ on tearing open the packaging ~~(20)~~, and the notch ~~(24)~~ is situated between the two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~.

Claim 19 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 18, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 12, wherein the pre-cut plastic layer film ~~(14)~~ is joined to the at least one other layer ~~layers~~ ~~(12)~~ by means of extrusion to make up the multi-layered ~~a composite~~ film ~~(10)~~.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 20, wherein two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film ~~(10)~~ on tearing open the packaging ~~(20)~~, and the notch ~~(24)~~ is situated between the two lines of perforations (18, 18').

Claim 22 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 21, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 12, wherein two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guideline on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film ~~(10)~~ on tearing open the packaging ~~(20)~~, and the notch ~~(24)~~ is situated between the two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~.

Claim 24 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 23, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The process according to Claim 13, wherein two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film ~~(10)~~ on tearing open the packaging ~~(20)~~, and the notch ~~(24)~~ is situated between the two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~.

Claim 26 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 25, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 27 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 12, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film ~~(10)~~ manufactured using the process according to Claim 12, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): Packaging according to Claim 28, wherein the pre-cut plastic layer ~~film (14)~~ with the perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ is situated on the inner side of the packaging.

Claim 30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): Packaging according to Claim 29, wherein the notch ~~(24)~~ is situated between two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~.

Claim 32 (Canceled).

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): Packaging according to Claim 28, wherein the notch ~~(24)~~ is situated between two lines of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film ~~(10)~~ manufactured using the process according to Claim 13, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): Packaging according to Claim 34, wherein the film (14) with the perforations (18, 18') is situated on the inner side of the packaging.

Claim 36 (Canceled).

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): Packaging according to Claim 35, wherein the notch (24) is situated between two lines of perforations (18, 18').

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film (10) manufactured using the process according to Claim 17, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film (10) manufactured using the process according to Claim 19, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film (10) manufactured using the process according to Claim 10, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film (10) manufactured using the process according to Claim 23, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): A packaging ~~(20)~~ comprising two opposed wall members comprising a multi-layer packaging film ~~(10)~~, each wall member having at least one line of perforations ~~(18, 18')~~ that are provided in a plastic surface layer of said wall member ~~the packaging (20)~~ and serve as an aid for alignment of a tear line propagating in the packaging film ~~(10)~~ upon tearing open the packaging, a notch ~~(24)~~ for initiating tearing in region of the perforations ~~(18, 18')~~, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film, the packaging ~~(20)~~ being easy to open by means of said tear line.